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**Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2026
BPL Program Room – 5:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Melanie Haley.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Karolina Bodner, Ezra Hodgson, Robert Drew, Lydia Cupp, Melanie Haley, Richard Compagnone, Diane Madariaga, and Debbie Dadey. Staff Present: Library Director Lydia Goodwin. Guests: Dannen Mannschreck, Select Board Liaison.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 21, 2026, meeting were approved as presented.

Foundation/Friends Report

Books & Blooms Fundraiser The Books & Blooms Fundraiser was very successful, generating \$1,262.00 in total revenue. Funds were split evenly between the Friends and the Barrington Bloomers. The event saw strong community engagement.

Plant & Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 8:00 AM–12:00 PM on the back lawn.

- Plant drop-off — Wednesday, June 3rd
- Set-up — Friday, June 5th at 10:00 AM
- Event volunteers — Friends are seeking volunteers for set-up and for staffing the fundraiser.

Acceptance of Donations

A motion made by Robert Drew and seconded by Diane Madariaga to accept \$1,111.00 in donations was approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$0.08 interest earned on the savings account. The 6 month CD earned \$49.02 in interest and will expire on 06/30/2026. The 12 month CD earned \$79.24 in interest.

A motion made by Robert Drew and seconded by Richard Compagnone to accept the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Select Board Liaison Report

Dannen Mannschreck reported no new updates and expressed satisfaction with current library operations.

There was a brief discussion regarding potential "Welcome" road signage for the Town of Barrington, with the possibility of library signage to follow. This project remains a work in progress.

Director's Report

Director Lydia Goodwin, provided an update on new staff member Jenn, reporting that she is making strong progress in learning her job responsibilities. Jenn was described as personable and highly attentive to customer service.

The Board also discussed the Independence Day holiday schedule. It was proposed that the library observe the holiday on Friday, July 3, and remain closed on Saturday, July 4, in alignment with the Town of Barrington's observance.

In addition, the Board reviewed the Patron Privacy & Law Enforcement Request Policy and the Volunteer Policy.

Old Business

Fencing Project

Three quotes were obtained for the fence project. The lowest bid, approximately \$12,000.00, was submitted by Storm Strong Fence, LLC. The company indicated an estimated two-week turnaround from the time the quote is accepted and materials are ordered. Payment terms require 50% down and 50% upon project completion.

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There was discussion regarding funding options. It was suggested that the Board approach the Friends and the Foundation to explore the possibility of splitting the cost three ways. Melanie will speak with Roger, Chair of the Foundation, and Lydia C. will discuss the matter with the Friends.

Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

Karolina will be seeking information about this topic at the upcoming NHLTA Conference.

New Business

Garden/Landscape Committee: The Garden & Landscape Committee will be working on the library grounds on May 24th, and May 30th and they are seeking volunteers to assist.

Sensory Garden: Lydia C. reported that she is ready to begin work on the Sensory Garden as soon as the irrigation system is turned on for the season.

Motions and Votes

1. A motion was made by Ezra Hodgson and seconded by Richard Compagnone to approve the meeting minutes from the April 21, 2026, Trustee Meeting—passed.
2. Accept Donations: A motion made by Robert Drew and seconded by Diane Madariaga to accept the \$1,111.00 donations—passed.
3. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Robert Drew and seconded by Richard Compagnone to approve the treasurer's report—passed.
4. Director's Report: A motion made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Lydia Cupp to accept the proposal from the Director to observe the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 4th and close the library on Saturday, July 3rd to align with the Town of Barrington's observance of the holiday—passed.
5. A motion was made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Richard Compagnone to accept the Patron Privacy & Law Enforcement Request Policy as written—passed.
6. A motion was made Robert Drew and seconded by Ezra Hodgson to accept the Barrington Library Volunteer policy as written—passed.
7. A motion was made by Robert Drew and seconded by Ezra Hodgson to approve quote by Storm Strong Fence, LLC, and go to the Foundation and Friends to help fund the project—passed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the BPL Program Room.

Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM following a motion made by Robert Drew and seconded by Ezra Hodgson.

Minutes Prepared By

Melanie Haley and Lydia Goodwin May 19 & May 20, 2026.